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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

LOCALS AMONG FIRST INDUCTEES TO NEW ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

By Daniel Person, Big Horn County News (12/06/07)

Two area men are part of the first class of inductees to the Montana Indian Athletic Hall of Fame forming in Billings.

Larry Pretty Weasel of Hardin High School and Sam Horn of St. Labre High School will be part of an induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday at Granite Towers in Billings.

CROW LEADER OUTLINES PLAN FOR FUEL PLANT

By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette (12/07/07)

The Crow nation brings money to Billings and hopes to soon bring coal-to-liquid energy to Montana, tribal Chairman Carl Venne said Thursday.

In return, the tribe needs to build bridges with its neighbors in Yellowstone County and its legislators, Venne told about 50 people during a luncheon hosted by the Billings Chamber of Commerce and the Big Sky Economic Development Authority.

TRIBAL COUNCIL CALLS FOR GREATER ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNICATION

Char-Koosta News 12/06/07

PABLO - In May 2007, the Tribal Council began a strategic planning process to complete several initiatives to improve Tribal government services and outcomes.

The first initiative was an enterprise policy that was adopted in August, a year after the effort began. All Tribal enterprises have received the policy, which calls for closer communication, annual audits of each enterprise and communication back to the Tribal government on dividends put into to the Tribal treasury.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING TRIBAL COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION

Char-Koosta News (12/06/07)

PABLO — People who are concerned that they may not be able cast their ballot or make it to the polling places during the election, should plan ahead and request an absentee ballot beforehand. Eligible tribal members are encouraged to make their request as soon as possible.

MAN BEHIND AIR NATIVE EMBRACES HIS CULTURE

JODI RAVE, Missoulain (12/06/07)

HELENA - Sam McCracken holds a rare job in corporate America as the leader of a marketing program specifically targeting Native America.

McCracken, Native American business manager for Nike Corp., has succeeded on many business fronts. For now, he's best known as the man who put the kick into Nike Air Native N7, a shoe specifically designed for Native athletes - and aspiring ones.

"He's a native Montanan and someone who's really been successful working in that corporate world and still

embracing his Native culture and Native values," said Jerry Lamb, Montana's economic development specialist for tribes. "He's that role model we all need."

MSU PROJECT AIMS TO END SHORTAGE OF NATIVE EDUCATORS

The Associated Press © Indian Country Today (12/05/07)

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - A federal grant is funding an effort to recruit, educate and place more American Indians as administrators in schools that have larger numbers of Native students.

The Indian Leadership Education and Development program, called I LEAD, is a partnership of the U.S. Department of Education and Montana State University in Bozeman.

BLACK LODGE SINGERS UP FOR GRAMMY

By RICHARD PETERSON Great Falls Tribune (12/07/07)

The Black Lodge Singers, led by Blackfeet tribal member Kenny Scabby Robe, were nominated for their sixth Grammy Award on Thursday in recognition of the CD "Watch This Dancer."

DOI RESUMES NEGOTIATIONS OVER MONTANA BISON RANGE

Indianz.com (12/06/07)

The Interior Department hopes to reach a new agreement with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes over the management of the National Bison Range in Montana.

Lyle Laverty, the new assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks, says he is discouraged that a new agreement hasn't been reached. He set a deadline of March, 28, 2008, to resolve issues between the tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

UM, MSU OFFER CLASSES IN POWWOW PLANNING

By The Associated Press (11/29/07)

MISSOULA - Listed on the University of Montana's class schedule with English, philosophy and algebra is one you're unlikely to find on many university course lists.

It's called the "Pow Wow Seminar," and its eight students appear to be all business, except when teasing one class member that he is in it for an easy "A" and when he explains that he really doesn't need the easy "A."

JOB VACANCIES:



[Fort Belknap College](#)
P.O. Box 159
Harlem, MT 59526

Position: Dean of Student Affairs

Location: Harlem, MT

Description: Fort Belknap College is seeking a Dean of Student Affairs for TWO YEARS; Administration Level, Salary dependent upon degree and level of experience. This position provides leadership, direction, support, resources, supervision, and evaluation to the various programs within the Student Services Department. The major duties include the responsibility for the planning, organizing, directing, controlling, and staffing the department. The overall responsibility includes development of a comprehensive student services department that complements and supports the Mission of the college and enriches the quality of student life. Master's degree required, related closely to job description, 3 years college level experience in administration or upper management, must have 3 years of experience and working knowledge of tribal colleges and post-secondary education. Must have high quality writing skills, counseling skills, and interpersonal communication skills and be team-oriented. **Send a Letter of Application, current resume, official college transcript that denotes your degree, three letters of recommendation to Michele Lewis, Executive Assistant, Fort Belknap College, PO Box 159, Harlem, MT 59526. For more information call 406-353-2607 x 222 or email: mlewis@mail.fbcc.edu.** Advertised until filled.

Director of Lifelong Learning / United Indians of All Tribes Foundation

DEPARTMENT: Administration
REPORTS TO: Community Development Director
STATUS: Full Time, Exempt

JOB PURPOSE: The Director of Lifelong Learning is responsible for laying the groundwork for the Day Break Star College. This will include identifying courses, coordinating the curriculum development, and networking with other educational programs and resources in the surrounding area. This position will be a key player in the Native American Educational field and as such will advocate for the college in many arenas. Send resume and cover letter to:

Email: jobs@unitedindians.org

Tribal Business Development Officer (Business Development Specialist), #05178, Business Resources, Department of Commerce, Helena, Salary \$36,192 - \$45,240. For application information, contact any Job Service or the state website: www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp or 406-841-2700. Deadline: January 20, 2008, 5 pm.

JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, POSITION #61102022, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$23,857.00 to \$29,821.00 DOQ. This position audits invoices; projects cash needs; codes and inputs data. **Application deadline: Monday, December 10, 2007 at 5 p.m.** For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=277

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, POSITION #61403803, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$22,813 to \$28,517 DOQ. Responsible for a variety of technical and administrative services in support of the Public Employees' Retirement Board, its Executive Director and staff. Application deadline: Monday December 10, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=278

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT, POSITION #61166009, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$19,881 to \$24,851 DOQ. Provides benefit plan information to state agency HR/payroll/benefit staff and plan members in addition to administrative support duties. Application deadline: Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=279

CONTRACTS OFFICER, POSITION #61104002, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,878 to \$41,097 DOQ. This position conducts solicitations in assigned commodities, mentors agencies in procurement procedures and provides contract oversight and management. For complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=281 For application materials, contact our website at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp> Application deadline: **Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 5 p.m.**

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, POSITION #61166334, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$19,881 to \$24,851 DOQ. This position is responsible for vendor information system management, state-dated warrant replacement and warrant distribution. For complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=282 For application materials, contact our website at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp> Application deadline: **Friday, December 28, 2007 at 5 p.m.**

Assistant Professor: Acting/Directing (New Position)

The University of Montana seeks an outstanding teacher with significant training and experience in acting and directing to assume a pivotal role within undergraduate and graduate professional training programs in a liberal arts environment. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellence in teaching a full range of acting and directing classes and exhibit an ability to direct various production styles and genres from classical to contemporary, including musical theatre. Specific teaching assignments will include various levels of directing and acting classes within the BA, BFA, MA, and MFA programs, and general education courses. Other responsibilities include student advising and serving on departmental and university committees. Possible additional responsibilities include providing leadership to the Acting/Directing division and opportunities with the Montana Repertory

Theatre. Tenure-track position. MFA in theatre required. Begin August
United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
PO Box 99100; Seattle, WA 98139
Fax: (206) 282-3640
20, 2008. Salary \$43,000-\$45,000. Review begins 2/8/08; continues until filled. Send letter of application; CV; statement of teaching philosophy; three letters of recommendation, including one from a supervisor; official transcript for terminal degree. To: Chair, Acting/Directing Search Committee, Drama/Dance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference. Full position description at www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html

History: African American. The Department of History at The University of Montana seeks applications for a **TENURE-TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** of African American history. Position begins August 2008. Courses will include a multidisciplinary Introduction to African American Studies and upper-division and graduate courses in African American history, including a writing-intensive course. Candidate will also help coordinate the university's African American Studies minor and advise students interested in and/or pursuing the AAS minor. Ph.D. in history preferred at time of hire. Send letter of application, c.v., transcripts, a chapter-length sample of written work, three letters of recommendation, and evidence of teaching excellence to Professor Jeff Wiltse, Chair, African American History Search Committee, Department of History, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-6264. Complete applications must be received by November 15, 2007. AA/EOE/ADA/Veteran's Preference Employer.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

2008 Summer Internships for Native American Students Available DOE's Tribal Energy Program Student Internships Available

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22, 2008

DOE's Tribal Energy Program is offering summer internships to Native American students who are interested in renewable energy and who are currently college upper-classmen or graduate students. To be considered for the 2008 summer program applications must be received by February 22, 2008.

For more on the program, see <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internships.cfm>

For questions, contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories at (505) 844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov.